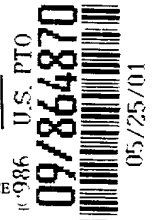


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**Box PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.  
Our Ref: 3036/49955

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: **IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING TO PACKET SWITCHES**

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including 10 claims (pages 1-14).
2. 2 Sheets of drawings showing Figs. 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d and 2e.
3. X Declaration and Power of Attorney (**unexecuted-2 pages**).
4. Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 0012611.0 filed in Great Britain on 25 May 2000 and 0024463.2 filed in Great Britain on 6 October 2000.
5. X Preliminary amendment.
6. The filing fee has been calculated after entry of Preliminary Amendment as shown below:

Basic Fee					\$355/710 =	\$710.00
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Multiple Dependent Claim Presented					\$135/270 =	\$
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